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RMR: FOLLOWING IS FREE TRANSLATION SUMMARY OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

ALESSANDRI OF OCTOBER 27 RECEIVED BY EMBASSY LAST NIGHT FOR

TRANSMITTAL TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN REPLY HIS LETTER OF

OCTOBER 22:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

CHILE'S POSITION ON GRAVE SITUATION COINCIDES WITH YOUR SPEECH OF

OCTOBER 22. CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT HAS INvariably RESPECTED

TRADITION OF REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT AND RESPECT PRINCIPLES

INTERNATIONAL LAW. INSPIRED BY JUSTICE CHILE HAS ACTED WITH

FRANKNESS CHARACTERIZING DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE TO ITS

PUBLIC OPINION. I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROPER PROPORTIONS AND

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE IDEALS.

GOC HAS ADOPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUR OCTOBER 22 SPEECH AND

IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCTED ITS OAS AND UN DELEGATIONS TO ACT AS YOU

ALREADY KNOW.

NEW EVENTS PRODUCED WITH INSTALLATION OF DANGEROUSLY OFFENSIVE

WEAPONS IN CUBA, HAVE CREATED SITUATION OF SUCH SERIOUSNESS FOR THE

CONTINENT AND THE FREE WORLD THAT CHILE MUST AND WISHES TO ASSUME IN

CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITIES IN THESE DRAMATIC HOURS.

THUS, AGREE FULLY WITH YOUR OPINION WE MUST ADOPT POSITION WHICH

WILL NOT DEFRAUD HOPES OF WORLD. ANY DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN US

ASSUME MARGINAL IMPORTANCE AND THE NEED TO COOPERATE IN THE COMING

DAYS SHOULD HELP DISSIPATE THEM AND TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF

COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS.

CONVINCED MANY CONTINENTAL PROBLEMS DUE MUTUAL IGNORANCE. COMMON

MAN IN US AND OTHER AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAS BEEN INCOMPLETE

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-2- 423, NOVEMBER 1, FROM SANTIAGO

PICTURE OF HIS FELLOW AMERICAN COMMON MAN AND HIS TYPICAL PROBLEMS. SAME THING ON LESSER SCALE TRUE WITH MORE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS. I JUST FINISHED STATING THIS AT THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN SANTIAGO. THIS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS USA AND CHILE, BOTH GOVERNMENTS UNDER DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, WHERE PUBLIC OPINION HAS AN IMPORTANT AND DIRECT INFLUENCE ON CONDUCT OF GOVERNMENT.

WE OUGHT MAKE VIGOROUS EFFORT ALL LEVELS EXPAND THIS RECIPROCAL UNDERSTANDING IN ORDER THAT OUR CITIZENS GAIN TRUER AND MORE OBJECTIVE CONCEPT OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AND BROTHERS, AND SO THAT OUR PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS REPLENISH THEIR ENERGIES TO FACE UP TO PROBLEMS THREATENING FUTURE.

WITH RESPECT YOUR INVITATION THROUGH ME TO THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES THAT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FORCES OF US AND OF OTHER HEMISPHERIC COUNTRIES, THEY DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT MILITARY ACTION ARISING OUT OF THE CUBAN SITUATION; MUST INFORM YOU THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONSTITUTION THIS MATTER NOT SOLELY SUBJECT TO DECISION OF EXECUTIVE BUT REQUIRES ALSO PASSAGE OF LAW GRANTING CORRESPONDING AUTHORITY. CONSEQUENTLY, IS UNDISPENSABLE FOR BOTH CHAMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ACT. NEVERTHELESS, THIS MATTER UNDER CLOSE CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT AND MINISTRY DEFENSE.

WISH EXPRESS TO YOU MY PROFOUND CONCERN WITH WAY PRESENT DEVELOPMENT EVENTS PROCEEDING. AS LEADER OF PEACE-LOVING NATION WHICH ZEALOUSLY SEEKS SOLUTION OF ITS MULTIPLE PROBLEMS TO ACHIEVE ITS WELFARE, MUST MAKE CLEAR OUR FERVENT DESIRE THAT THERE NOT OCCUR A CONFLAGRATION WHICH WOULD DESTROY ALL HUMANITY. WE TRUST DIVINE PROVIDENCE WILL INVIGORATE OUR OWN ENERGIES IN SERVICE PEACE AND JUSTICE TO FIND SOLUTION PRESENT CRISIS, THUS PRESERVING HIGH IDEALS JUSTICE AND PEACEFUL PROGRESS OF FREE WORLD.

SIGNED JOSE ALESSANDRI

FULL TEXT LETTER FOLLOWS VIA POUCH. FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTS THAT LETTER, AS IN CASE PRESIDENT KENNEDY LETTER OF OCTOBER 22, NOT REPEAT NOT BE PUBLISHED.

RECORDED BY JOHN COLE DYL

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